

R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.

R156-41. Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act Rule.

R156-41-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act Rule".

R156-41-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 41, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 41, or this rule:

(1) "Audio electronic equipment" as used in Subsection 58-41-2(3) means equipment proven in use, accepted and standard to the profession, of known quality and function, well maintained, in current calibration and presenting no hazard to the operator or client.

(2) "Direct supervision" as used in Subsections 58-41-2(5)(c), 58-41-2(20)(c), and this rule, means supervision as defined in Subsection R156-1-102a(4)(a).

(3) "Evoked potentials evaluation", as used in Subsection 58-41-2(4), includes neurophysiological intraoperative monitoring.

(4) "Professional training" as set forth in Subsection 58-41-12(2) means continuing professional education that meets the standards set forth in Section R156-41-304.

(5) "Substitute supervisor", as used in this rule, means a licensee who is designated by the supervisor to provide limited supervision to an aide. The substitute supervisor shall be licensed in the same discipline in which the aide is functioning.

(6) "Supervision", as used in this rule, means a supervisor-supervisee relationship requiring the supervisor to be responsible for the professional performance by the supervisee. This includes a substitute supervisor-supervisee relationship.

(7) "Unprofessional conduct", as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 41, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-41-502.

R156-41-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 41.

R156-41-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-41-302. Qualifications for Licensure.

In accordance with Section 58-41-5, ASHA certification as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist is one acceptable method to document that an individual has completed the requirements of Subsections 58-41-5(3) through (7).

R156-41-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 41, is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308a.

R156-41-304. Continuing Professional Education.

In accordance with Subsection 58-41-12(2), continuing professional education requirements are established as follows:

(1) During each two year period an individual licensed as a speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathologist/audiologist or audiologist shall be required to complete not less than 20 hours of continuing professional education directly related the licensee's professional practice.

(2) The required number of hours of continuing professional education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two year period shall be decreased in a

that individual first became licensed.

(3) Continuing professional education under this section shall:

(a) have an identifiable clear statement of purpose and defined objective for the educational program directly related to the practice of speech-language pathology, audiology or both;

(b) be relevant to the licensee's professional practice;

(c) be presented in a competent, well organized, and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program;

(d) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training, and experience; and

(e) have associated with it a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the professional education program and records of that registration and completion are available for review.

(4) Credit for continuing professional education shall be recognized in accordance with the following:

(a) unlimited hours shall be recognized for continuing professional education completed in blocks of time of not less than one hour in formally established classroom courses, seminars, or conferences.

(5) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing professional education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain information with respect to continuing professional education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(6) A licensee who documents he is engaged in full time activities or is subjected to circumstances which prevent that licensee from meeting the continuing professional education requirements established under this section may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to three years. However, it is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

R156-41-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) using an educational title conferred by an organization or institution that is not a regionally accredited college or university;

(2) engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual contact with a client or patient;

(3) exercising undue influence in a manner as to exploit the client, patient, or supervisee for financial or other personal advantage to the practitioner or a third party;

(4) inappropriate use of or training of speech-language pathology/audiology aides as defined by the board and the division; and

(5) failure to comply with the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's (ASHA) Code of Ethics, January 1, 2003 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

R156-41-601. Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Aides.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-41-2(5) and (20), an individual licensed to engage in practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may employ as an aide an individual who has graduated from an accredited high school or obtained a certificate of equivalency approved by the division.

(2) A licensee supervising an aide shall be responsible for the direct supervision of an aide.

(3) A licensee supervising an aide must have a current written utilization plan outlining the specific manner in which the aide will be employed and the manner in which the aide will be supervised.

(4) A licensee shall be permitted to supervise not more than three aides at any one time.

(5) An aide shall not engage in the following:

(a) preparing diagnostic statements or clinical management plans, strategies or

procedures;

(b) communicating obtained observations or results to anyone other than the aide's supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist;

(c) determining case selection;

(d) independently composing or signing clinical reports; except an aide may enter progress notes into the patient's file reflecting the results of the aide's assigned duties;

(e) independently diagnosing, treating, discharging of patient, or advising of patient disposition; and

(f) referral of a patient to other professionals or agencies.

(6) Upon the request of the division, a licensee who employs an aide must provide documentation that the aide has met the qualifications as listed in Subsection (1), and that the aide is functioning under a utilization plan.

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